

## PRODUCE MEN WORRIED OVER FRUIT SHIPMENTS

Say Prices Will Go Up if Freight  
Handlers' Strike Lasts  
Much Longer.

### COMMISSION MEN KICK

Ask President McCrea to Put  
Stop to Labor Troubles  
on P. R. R. Docks.

Within the last two days, it was learned yesterday, commission merchants and produce dealers have become anxious about the delivery of the perishable goods consigned to them which come to the docks affected by the strike of the freight handlers. This applied especially to fruit which comes from a great distance in some cases and spoils more frequently than meats, butter or eggs.

Some of the dealers said yesterday that the prices of fruits will increase soon if the present condition of matters lasts. The Manhattan piers have refrigerating plants for the temporary storing of peaches and berries, but these facilities, it is said, are not to be found on the New Jersey side of the North River. Some of the railroads have refused for the present shipments of peaches for New York or further than Jersey City.

Inspectors of the Board of Health have been detailed to the piers affected by the strike and some condemnations of overripe fruit have been made.

H. A. Littlefield of H. A. Littlefield & Co., fruit dealers at 328 Washington street, said that unless there is a change in the situation soon fruit will undoubtedly increase in price. "At all events," he continued, "if the present state of affairs continues fruit will soon be scarce and dear. While there have been some condemnations by the officers of the Health Department, most of the condemned fruit was spoiled before it reached here, through a long wait at the docks, where a good deal of fruit comes from distant for the New York market."

Another dealer said that the strike of the longshoremen came at a bad time, as it was in the middle of a hot spell, when fruit spoils quickly. This applied largely to bananas, of which an enormous quantity came to New York. Bananas are brought from this city and are artificially ripened, but in a hot spell they soon become overripe, he said. The supply of fruit was getting so short that the price might be increased any time, though the dealers were holding back as long as possible on the question of the price.

The prices of butter and eggs up to the present had not increased. Julius D. Mohr (Inc.), of 5 Harrison street, a produce firm, said: "In spite of the strike of the freight handlers, the prices of butter and eggs have not changed. They are normal. It is probable that there are better factors for preserving these than preserving fruit and we have not learned of any advance anywhere up to now in the price of butter and eggs."

It was learned yesterday that protests have been sent by commission merchants and produce dealers to President McCrea of the Pennsylvania Railroad against allowing the strikes of the freight handlers to continue at piers 27, 28 and 29. They have asked him to use his best efforts to bring about a settlement.

### AUTO BRIDAL TRIP MISHAP.

Two Newly Wedded Pairs Came to Grief on Hackensack Meadows.

An automobile party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. George Getzoff, all of Philadelphia, came to grief yesterday afternoon on the Kearny turnpike between Newark and Jersey City.

Mr. Getzoff was driving the car and his foot accidentally struck the accelerator. Before he could prevent it, the machine slewed around and brought up against the gutter at the side of the road. The rear wheel was smashed and all hands were badly shaken up.

Getzoff and Tracy are piano manufacturers. They were both married two weeks ago and for their honeymoon took a 2,000 mile automobile trip through New England. They experienced no mishaps until yesterday.

Mrs. Getzoff and Mrs. Tracy took a trolley car to East Orange and went to the home of Mr. Getzoff's mother at 185 North Maple avenue. The men stayed to take care of the car.

### MISSSES THIEF; HITS BOY.

Seized Italian Sends Bullet Into Youngster's Toe and Loose Ship.

Bruno Bessano of Pittsfield, Mass., was a prisoner in the Tombs court yesterday on charges of felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon. He was charged by Police Officer Jeremiah Daly of the Elizabeth street station. His victim, Raymond Veluet, 8 years old, of 75 Baxter street, was in the Hudson street hospital undergoing treatment for a bullet wound in his right toe and Maxistrate McQuade remanded Bessano until tomorrow for examination.

The prisoner said he was taking his last look at New York in Columbia Park before sailing for Italy when a man approached him, ordered him to hold up his hands and stretched at his gold seal watch and chain. Bessano thought of the revolver in his pocket, pulled it out and fired. He swore he aimed for the man and didn't even see the boy, whom he didn't know anyway.

### A. S. WHITE SELLS GAS STOCK?

Standard Oil Said to Have Bought Cincinnati Holdings.

CINCINNATI, July 14.—The report that Archibald S. White has sold his holdings in the Columbia Gas and Electric Company to the Standard Oil Company caused a flurry in financial circles here yesterday. It is said that the sale has been under consideration for several weeks and has been kept very quiet. The Standard Oil Company in the East for some time has been in the habit of buying up the stock of companies which it is not known just what the extent of Mr. White's holdings were, but they were heavy. The offer for the stock was made several months ago and negotiations have been pending ever since.

The Columbia Gas and Electric Company controls the entire output of the natural gas fields of the country. It also controls a number of gas companies and electric street car companies. The sale of the stock would amount to a complete liquidation of Mr. White's holdings.

Mr. White, who has been active in the growth of the gas and electric industry in the East, is said to be investing in other fields.

### AUTO CLIPS HIS NOSE OFF.

Surgeon Puts It Back in Place and Man May Keep It.

Ludwig Wozny, a machinist, 35 years old, living at Jackson and Beebe avenues, Long Island City, had his nose almost cut off close to the face by the automobile of Alexander C. Walker of 414 Riverside Drive last evening. The work of Dr. Brown of St. John's Hospital, it was said, would save Wozny's nose.

Mr. Walker was returning from a tour of Long Island and was driving his car on Jackson avenue when he saw Wozny riding with both legs on the same side of a bicycle. When the auto horn sounded Wozny tried to turn his bicycle around. Mr. Walker turned his automobile to escape the rider, but Wozny fell and his nose struck the rear wheel guard.

Mr. Walker stopped his automobile, put the injured man in it and hurried to St. John's Hospital, seven blocks away. Dr. Brown found that the fore part of Wozny's nose was cut off and that the bridge of the nose had been fractured. He operated at once.

### STABBED ON CAR PLATFORM.

Conductor Attacked by Gang That Wouldn't Pay Their Fares.

James Walsh, a Broadway car conductor, living at 322 West Forty-seventh street, was taken to J. Hood Wright Hospital yesterday afternoon by Dr. Dickson suffering from stab wounds in his left leg and wrist. His condition is serious. At Seventy-first street and Broadway five men boarded the car and two of them paid their fares. The other three pushed by Walsh and refused to pay. The car continued north while Walsh and the three who refused to pay were in a hot argument.

At Eighty-fourth street the argument became a fight while passengers jumped from their seats and the motorman brought the car to a sudden stop. One of the toughs stabbed Walsh while his back was turned and ran off the car yelling for his companions to follow. They fled in every direction. Policeman Green of the West Sixty-eighth street station started after one of the men who ran down Eighty-eighth street.

The man ran into the arms of Policeman John Coleman of the West 125th street station. He said he was O'Brien, 19 years old, a driver living at 465 West Fifty-first street. Walsh identified O'Brien as one of the men who refused to pay his fare, but could not say who stabbed him. The other two men in the party were also caught after a long run. They were Albert Cavanaugh, 21 years old, a hotel worker living at 154 West Sixty-sixth street and Patrick McCade, 17 years old, a laborer living at 1637 Park avenue. They were locked up in the West Sixty-eighth street police station.

### BRIDEGROOM WENT TO JAIL.

Wedding Guests Couldn't Dance Until He Telephoned for New Band.

Count Makovl Martin of 235 Third street was married on Saturday night to Tessie Shadkoff. He also was arrested.

The Count had three hundred guests at his wedding reception in Huntington Hall, Second street. He also had a five piece orchestra, led by Philip Feder, 260 Broome street. Feder was hired on condition that he play from 8 P. M. until 6 A. M.

About 4 o'clock yesterday morning, the cornetist fainting, Feder said he would have to stop. The bridegroom reminded him of the contract and refused to pay, whereupon the pair went to the street and started to fight. Policeman Murphy took them to Union Market station, followed by the wedding guests. Martin got permission to use the telephone and hired a new orchestra. He sent his guests back to the hall and after Magistrate Cornell had fined him \$2 in the case of Martin court he hurried around to his home and joined his wedding party. The new musicians didn't stop playing until afternoon.

### RETURN POST CARDS.

Plan to Avoid Loss to Houses Which Do a Large Mail Business.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has recommended to Senator Bourne, chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, the incorporation of a provision in the postal appropriation bill which if passed will end, it is believed, the 20-year-old attempt of private companies to establish "return postage companies," stock for which amounts to have been sold in large amounts on the slender prospect that the Government might authorize the establishment of such companies.

Business houses which send out thousands of post cards with their return address on them lose money for every such post card which the recipient fails to mail. The total amount lost by houses doing a big mail order business amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. Consequently a system whereby the postage on such return cards may be paid at the office of initial mailing is strongly desired by business interests.

### SHOT IN STREET SQUABBLE.

Armed Stranger Fires at Boy Who Offended Him and Escapes.

Frank Mulvaney, elevator boy, 462 West Fifty-second street, was walking east in West 155th street with three other youths yesterday when he was fired upon by a stranger who tossed an empty candy box toward the gutter. The boy was hit in the hand of a youth who was passing with another young man.

"One of you is pretty fresh," cried the youth who had been hit, "and I'm going to teach you a lesson." Mulvaney said promptly that he had thrown the box and he began to apologize, however, and pulled out a revolver and opened fire. Two shots were fired and the third shot struck Mulvaney in the hand.

The shooter then flung the revolver into the gutter and he and his companion ran to Broadway and got away.

Detectives Hyman and O'Neill sent Mulvaney to the Washington Heights Hospital. The youth who escaped, described by Mulvaney and his companions as "about 20 years old and looking like an Italian."

### MAY TIE UP HARVEST.

J. W. W. Threatens to Call Out Hands in Wheat Belt.

TACOMA, Wash., July 14.—Driven out of every industrial community on the coast, Industrial Workers of the World today threatened to invade and tie up the wheat harvest in Walla Walla unless they succeed in forcing wages up and hours of labor down.

They have started proselyting, urging the Government and the flag. Leaders declare six hundred adherents are coming to Walla Walla.

The winter wheat harvest is under way with record yields and high quality.

### W. C. STEWART IMPROVES.

Father of Mrs. W. B. Leeds Gains Strength at Newport.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 14.—William C. Stewart, father of Mrs. William B. Leeds, since he was brought here has made steady gains in health and his physicians report him as showing daily improvement. He is under the care of Doctors Charles W. Stewart and Charles E. Leeds, and since Mrs. Stewart's arrival they have called in Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland, an X-ray expert.

## CHIVALRY GAVE BIRTH TO DEADLY CAMORRA

System First Was Organized to Protect Travellers—Corrupted by Wealth.

### ITS AGENTS EVERYWHERE

Neapolitan Observer Doubts Viterbo Verdict Will Be Deathblow to Society.

The following opinion of the writer in the Camorra trial in Italy was given by a Neapolitan now living in New York and is based on his own knowledge and upon the history of the society. "The Camorra—its Origin, Customs and Rites," by Ferdinando Russo and Ernesto Serac, which was published in Naples a few months ago. Now that the Camorra trial, with a time record of fifteen months, has come to an end with the conviction of the more important of the prisoners, a question arises as to what extent the verdict has torn apart the fabric of this most ancient, notorious and powerful of all underworld societies.

That the conviction of the prisoners has dealt the Camorra a blow such as it has never had before in all its history is undisputed, but that it has "soundly" its death knell," as some reports say, is a theory almost too vague to be discussed. There are three principal reasons why the Viterbo verdict does not mean the end of the Camorra; first, the Camorra is not a society, but a system; second, its existence has been recognized for so long by all classes that a few months or even years of disturbance could not seriously cripple it, and third, only two or three of the convicted men were Camorristas of importance and their places already have been filled by others.

Besides all this none of the prisoners was convicted of being actually a member of the Camorra—some were convicted of the murder of Cuccolo and his wife, others of being accomplices, and the rest were found guilty of "criminal association," meaning association with the murderers of Cuccolo. Every effort to prove that the prisoners, or any of them, were Camorristas, or that any such thing as the Camorra existed, failed absolutely. Even Cuccolo was not a Camorrista—he was a burglar. In fact the verdict means far more the conviction of the Neapolitan police of neglect of duty than the conviction of the Camorra.

IT'S A SYSTEM, NOT A SOCIETY. That the Camorra is a system instead of a society is borne out by the fact that it has no official recognition other than the efforts of the Government—not the police—to destroy it, and that its existence is not even acknowledged by its supposed members. Yet when it wishes, the Camorra makes its power felt to an extreme degree; when it turns upon the legal authorities it melts away into nothingness. Besides being the name of a society, the word Camorra has become through common usage a slang synonym for the word power. When a Camorrista makes a demand on a gambler for part of his winnings the gambler sometimes, but not often, asks, "Why?" or "For what?" The answer is, "For Camorra," which means, "Because I have the power to take it from you if you don't give it to me."

Writers disagree as to the origin of the name Camorra, as the word is not from either the Italian language or the Neapolitan dialect. The general belief is that it is derived from the name of a certain Spaniard, Gamorra, who in the sixteenth century established in Naples a society for the suppression of robbers and bandits. At this time Naples was under Spanish domination and was a haven for the worst element of Spanish adventurers.

ROMANCE IN ITS EARLY HISTORY. The early history of the society is not without romance, for it was in a sense the outgrowth of the chivalry of the Middle Ages, the decline of which prompted Cervantes' masterpiece "Don Quixote." The masses soon felt the need of imitating the aristocracy and having knights of their own. From this idea grew Gamorra's organization, which later became the "Onorata Societa della Camorra"—the Honorable Society of the Camorra.

This new society soon gained such recognition that it became a great power. The roads between Naples and other cities and towns were infested by thieves and highwaymen, who were a constant danger to the traveler. The aid of the Camorra was soon sought and the members of the society began escorting travelers on their journeys, for which services they were paid.

But by and by there came a change. Certain members of the Camorra found it very easy to neglect their duties, who did not pay what the Camorra considered a proper fee for protection. From this position to one of insistent demands and the informing and aiding of robbers when the demands were not met was but a step, and the corruption quickly spread throughout the entire society. So the once Honorable Society of the Camorra became a great power.

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### THREE COOL GIRLS.

Girls of Martha Washington Sleep in Tent on Hotel Roof.

Fourteen stories above the sizzling pavement of East Twenty-ninth street is a twenty-four foot square tent that has something of the appearance of a hangar. If you should happen to be in one of the loft buildings within sight of the Martha Washington Hotel some night and the blast furnace atmosphere which you would see three young ladies in kimono emerge from it and disappear into the roof of the Martha Washington, for the tent is on the top of that hostelry that tent is pitched.

The young women are Miss E. E. Elliott, Miss M. E. Brown and Miss Marjorie Sawyer, and they all live at the hotel. The tent is a place where the three girls are sleeping and they have taken this means to solve the difficulty.

The young women refused to see a reporter yesterday, but it was said at the hotel that the idea of pitching the tent was Miss Elliott's. She said her boyfriend was enthusiastic over it and they then got the consent of Manager George Brown of the Martha Washington.

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### MAN HURT WITH BROWN DIES.

Son of Commodore Masters Suffered Broken Spine in Auto.

Richard D. Masters, who was injured on Saturday night in an automobile accident at Rockaway Beach in which Knockout Brown, the pugilist, and several others were killed, died yesterday in the Rockaway Beach Hospital. Masters' spine was broken and he also suffered from concussion of the brain. He was the son of Commodore Joseph Masters, who was killed in the Spanish War. He was a custom house broker, who has a cottage at Bayville and Monmouth avenues, Belle Harbor. He was 28 years old.

gives his occupation as "horse dealer." is the reason. Every six months or so the Italian army sells at auction a large number of horses that have some little defects that unfit them for cavalry use. The Camorristas attend these sales in well organized groups, and if there are no outside bidders they buy all the horses at their own prices. If an outsider appears he must pay the Camorra leader a fee or in the end pay more than the horse is worth or go without it. The Camorrist band will always outbid an outsider who does not meet their demands, as to the auction sales of "unredeemed pledges" in pawnshops. The Neapolitan citizen can even buy back his own watch without first "seeing" the Camorra.

When the Neapolitan youth wants to borrow money he speaks to his cab driver about it. The cab driver introduces him to another man who introduces him to a third man who lends him the money at an exorbitant rate of interest. And if the money is not paid back the young man is arrested in his place of employment, his home is searched for valuables and some money to a Camorrist leader. This matter attended to he need have no further fear as to the size or enthusiasm of the audience for his eloquence composed of Camorristas and the Camorrist leaders are never so proud as when they are first nighters.

THE METHOD BY WHICH THE YOUNG aspirant becomes a leader of the Camorra is best illustrated by the story of the rise of one of them. Among the cool heavies employed about the steamship docks a dozen or more years ago was a powerful young man who had gained a reputation as a fighter among his associates. One of his acts of violence—or heroism—gained him the notice of the Camorrist leader of the district and he soon became a member of the society. Another act of heroism landed him in prison for a short time. On entering the prison he learned of the presence there of a Sicilian who had assumed the leadership of the Camorra inside the walls. The cool heavier took issue with the Sicilian and a duel with knives was arranged to take place at a time when the keepers were not on duty. The cool heavier magnanimously threw away his knife, telling the Sicilian he did not need a weapon. Using only his hands against the knife he soon beat the Sicilian into submission.

When the cool heavier left the prison he was so famous he at once was hailed as the leader of the Camorra in his district. True, he had to fight a few more battles, but after a few clashes of the knives the older man retired with a gash or two about his face and arms. The cool heavier, who now called himself the leader, controls the cooling of practically all the large steamships that enter the harbor of Naples.

THEY SOMETIMES RIGHT WRONGS. One of the secrets of the strength of the Camorra is that its members never attempt acts of revenge against the police or other authorities, and another is that they sometimes use their power for what they consider the righting of wrongs. Probably this is due to some extent to a feeling that they must keep up something of the dignity of the historic old society whose name they have stolen and whose objects they have so absolutely reversed.

One of the greatest of all Camorra leaders was Ciccio Cappuccio, who held sway about 1880. He is a name in Neapolitan history not only for his bravery and the terror which he spread among his subalterns, but for many kindly acts. It is such men as Cappuccio, probably not quite his equals in bravery and genius—who are the leaders of the Camorra to-day. The sudden downfall of one more of them through arrest makes little difference to the others.

STABBED IN FIGHT OVER GIRL. One Man Left at Hospital and Another Staggered to Its Door. Two well dressed men dropped a third, who had been stabbed, in the front doorway of the Eastern District Hospital on South Third street, Williamsburg, yesterday and then hurried away.

The wounded man, George Gordon, 23 years old, of 201 Myrtle street, was too weak to stand and was carried inside. He was not inclined to give much information. Detective Comisky was sent to the hospital and told Gordon he might die. Then a young man came in and said he was with a party of men at Wythe avenue and South Eleventh street when a dispute started about a girl. It was alleged by Gordon that there was a quarrel with knives and that at least six men were hurt.

Comisky hastened to Wythe avenue and South Eleventh street and the sidewalk bloodstained neighbors said the battle was fierce while it lasted and that several participants were hurt. Comisky returned to the hospital and was putting down the story when a police station informant told another man who had been stabbed had staggered into the institution for treatment.

When the detective appeared the stranger ran toward a window and tried to get out. The detective seized him and learned he was George Dillon, a driver, 42 years old, of 32 Division avenue. He had been drinking and was too drunk to stand and was carried inside.

Gordon afterward identified Dillon as his assailant. Dillon was arrested and taken to the Eastern district police station, where he was held for felonious assault. Gordon was kept in the hospital on account of his dangerous condition.

### FEW TRAMPS KILLED ON RAILROAD TRACKS

Frank V. Whiting Gives Figures Showing Hobo Mortality Is Not Great.

10,396 VICTIMS IN YEAR

5,284 Listed as Trespassers Include Many Employees Making Short Cuts.

More than half of the very large number of persons killed on railroads in this country during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1911, were trespassers, and that of these trespassers a large proportion were men of regular employment is the burden of a little essay prepared on this subject by Frank V. Whiting, general claims attorney for the New York Central lines.

Of the 10,396 persons killed instantly, or who died within twenty-four hours after an accident, 5,284 have been designated by the Interstate Commerce Commission's report as trespassers. Of this number 4,125 were struck by engines or cars, showing that they were walking or standing on the tracks. Of those killed in getting on or off cars or engines, there were 520; those killed while on trains numbered 1,043 and 116 died from other causes.

Many of these persons so coming to their deaths were of the very large number who use the tracks of railways as a thoroughfare between streets or highways in going to and coming from their places of employment. Out of 1,000 persons killed while trespassing, 455 resided near the place of the accident. Widows or children were left by 273 of them. 33 were widowers and 374 were single. Moreover, 369 were living with their families or parents, 301 were not living with their families or parents and 380 could not be classified in this respect.

These figures are interesting for the light which they throw on the oft repeated assertion that those killed on the railroads are for the most part "hoboes" or "tramps." Both words are here given because of the well defined distinction between these two social phenomena, a distinction, however, not always recognized.

These figures would indicate, Mr. Whiting points out, that the proportion of what may be called economic persons, those who actually work or who have ties that make their deaths a matter of regret, is very large among those killed while trespassing on railroads. Out of a thousand trespassers it was possible to say that only fifty were hoboes. Further it was learned that in 708 cases out of 1,000 the trespasser was not intoxicated.

Drawing his conclusions from these figures Mr. Whiting declares that regulation of the class of tramps and hoboes by trying to control their migrations under some sort of Federal law will accomplish but little toward reducing the number of deaths on railroads that can be attributed to unlawful trespassing. A law of Congress prohibiting trespassing on interstate railways might help, he thinks, but he inclines to the belief that only stringent measures taken by local authorities against trespassing will solve the problem.

### SAVED ALL THEIR BABIES.

Milk Stations Lost Not One of 15,000 in Last Two Weeks.

Despite the unbroken heat and humidity of the last two weeks, the Babies' Welfare Association reports that not one of the 15,000 babies registered at the ninety milk stations run by all organizations in the city died in that period.

Of the 250,000 babies in the city, 307 under the age of one year died in the last week. The Babies' Welfare Association and other agencies have thoroughly advertised the various milk stations and the mothers have been quick to respond. There were 1,119 cases added to the enrollment last week.

Commissioner Lederle reports that the death rate for the last week among infants under one year is 122.8. The death rate for the corresponding week last year was 149.

### GAYNORS MADE GOOD.

But Father and Son Got in Bad in Fight With Orangeman.

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Michael Gaynor, 47 years old, and his son, Michael Gaynor, Jr., 21 years, both of 5 Carlisle street, were arraigned before Magistrate McQuade in the Tombs court yesterday as the result of a street altercation. The father was fined \$5 and the son was committed to the Tombs prison, where he will have a hearing before the police officer in the Yorkville court this morning.